6/12/68

Dear Paul,

Thanks for the Thornley-Lifton scrivenings. My letter as enclosed. It has, aside from bringing Dave more into proper perspective, additional value:misrepresentation of Thornley's knowledge and whereabouts 9/63.

Your mailing of June 7 is also valuable, very much so. I couldn't respond earlier because I had to go to New York to speak at a Who Killed Kennedy Committee co-sponsored rally on RFK. NBC (and a local TV station and the NYTimes) was there, filmed extensively, taped all speech, apparently, photographed the audience from the stage. But not a word was used by anyone.

I will also include the missing indexes. I will also go over the previous mailing and send what seems avluable to Jim, with your name on it.

I disagree on Regis Kennedy. Remember, Garrison had arrested Ferrie, and Kennedy had been with Ferrie. Ferrie was known to have threatened to kill JFK, to have been connected with those with whom Oswald had been, etc. Whether or not there was another report, this one was filed, without reference to Ferrie. Yet in the report of a week later, 11/30, and in this assassination file, there is no reference to Ferrie or the assassination. It is like the Bartes and Banister reports I use in O in N.O., designed for a similar purpose.

I have copied and will send you, to keep, wither herewith or separately because of weight, copies of the indices to CDs 5 and 6. I think it would be an excellent idea if you could get someone to finish the card punching and have a complete alphabetization of the existing indices. As you will learn, younger and fresher as you are, as time goes on memory fails. You'll soon have forgotten more than you retain of the details.

My present situation denies the opportunity of going to the archives, and they are failing to copy so much of what I ask for and withholding so much it hardly pays. There is much writing I have not been able to do, much field investigation. I want to write and I also feel I must be in N.O. and I can do neither. The big thing keeping me out of N.O. is money. I am on to really important things there. Here is where the balance of the money due me from December 1966 could be valuable. So, whatever you find at all relevant to the work you know I am on from that catch-all "post Russian period" file, I'm looking forward to.

There is nothing I can add to what you must understand and feel of the current assassination, save the determination to do what I can to prevent further ones.

Jim's 6/2 memo: probably the same hearing. I have further information from a Brigade source that is in accord with what Jim found in Johnson. Anything else could be valuable. If I did not send you my memo on him, saying he was not in Vietnam, please let me know.

With ref Machann, when I can I must speak to him about many things. It might be a good idea if a list could be made of everything of which he might know. I wont be able to. This is a sample. A careful reading of the Rowley letter will show many more. And I have private information to recall.

Vantage Press is a vanity house. That Batista book he paid for.

Gaudet: may I have and anything relevant to, esp, CIA

Double-Check, ditto. Ulhorn International. If any study is made, it looks

like it could be the kind of thing that might fit with my recent work.

The Hathaway items strikes a resonant chord. Is there something in Gary Murry'd weapons memo? This apresrs somewhere. Hugh mabe there are several of interest, one of whom is Gerry Patrick Hemming. Hall told me he saw pictures of him in Dallas 11/22/63.

I recall only a little of the Bilbo thing. If anything is done it could be avluable.

I am returning retyped parts of CD 7 index giving withheld names only. Someday someone might be able to make a study. I think it is a prima facie case of Hoover protecting radical right.

Steve Burton is going to N.O. to work. He will stop here next week and do a little work in the Archives. I will be giving him some new leads on the CHull Foundation. Perhaps it would be a good idea, if there is not a complete set in N.O., to send him a copy of your work c/o me. Jones Harris has done much work here,

There are interesting names in CD441. If the Blaylock is related to Vance Blalock. DRE, Davis, John Jeorg (I know him, teaches lit at Tulane, just wrote favorable review my work. If you have this, I'd like to see. He has FBI connections). There is also a very tough character of the same name, spelled differently.

I appreciate the altered cartoon re: Bahmer. I have a hunch my letter on Wise did it. No response from him or Rhoads, after I reminded.

Re you 5/13: is it possible to get to answer whatever Liebeler said? I am anxious to get out there and bring you up to date on my recent work and to have transportation that will enable me to stop of in N.O. returning.

If Jim has CD 1389 (hand memo 3 May), I'd like. There is much more to the Evaristo Rodriguez story. I opened him up. Anything along that line important. This looks like deliberate obfuscation. He could recognize Oswald. I think it possible a false one was there. Whoever it was, three times at least. He also saw with Bringuier <u>outside</u> store.

Pecoraro also interests much. Copy?

Larry Meyers. This name is also that of a Dallas gun-runner or seller.

Please ask Hal if Bernardo has come up with anything.

You fellows are doing fine work!

Sincerely,